

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Hubbard on 05 June 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1, line 16, after "notch" insert a comma --,-- ;

Claim 10, lines 17-18, change "between its summit and its functional surface...or the convex" to --a summit, a functional surface, and an inclined surface between the summit and the functional surface, the inclined surface faces a support structure inclined plane and the inclined surface is adapted to guide a bevel or a convex--;

Line 19, change "extension...dihedron or the" to --extension of the treatment assembly toward a corresponding dihedron or a--;

Line 20, after "portion" insert --of the support structure--;

Claim 22, line 13, change "unit" to –support structure--;

Line 15 before "a heel-piece" insert –said support structure includes--;

Line 16, change "unit" to –bearing surface of the support structure--;

Line 18, after "the support arms" insert a comma --,-- ;

Lines 19-20 delete "or has a concave portion ...functional surface" ;

Claim 26, line 13, change "unit" to –support structure--;

Claim 28, line 13, change "unit" to –support structure--;

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas M. Lithgow whose telephone number is 571-272-1162. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. -Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on 571-272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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